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Hello!

Here are some updates from recent work with the cleanup, as well as two events to get on your calendar.

If you have any questions please contact Julie Congdon, Community Involvement Coordinator (congdon.julie@epa.gov, 206.533.2752).

Sediment Cleanup Remedial Design – The Lower Duwamish Waterway Group will be submitting a detailed plan for the first phase of sediment sampling to support the design of the cleanup in the upper reach. Sampling will follow in spring. EPA is also reviewing the results of passive sampling for the carbon amendment pilot study as well as the results of sampling at some of the early action areas.

Boeing Plant 2 – The public comment period on the cleanup plan closed this summer. EPA's final corrective action decision for uplands source control and response to comments is expected to be released sometime this fall.

PCB spill on Denver Ave. S in the South Seattle Industrial Area – You may remember that in late June there was a PCB spill on Denver Ave. S. Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) and Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) cleaned up soil contaminated by a spill in an industrial area adjacent to Denver Ave S, between 1st and 2nd Ave South. SPU's cleanup is overseen by EPA in close coordination with the Washington Department of Ecology. Tests showed that some PCBs entered a storm drain, so SPU and SDOT cleaned affected catch basins and nearby stormwater drains, and removal of contaminated soils. Cleanup work for the soils and storm drains has been completed. The City is completing disposal of cleanup materials from the site and is preparing a project completion report for submission to EPA and Ecology.

For more information:

- PCB cleanup operations, contact SPU at sabrina.register@seattle.gov or 206.446.8267.
- PCBs and human health, contact Lenford O' Garro at Washington Dept. of Health at lenford.ogarro@doh.wa.gov or 360.236.3376.
- EPA cleanup oversight / PCBs and the environment, contact Dave Bartus at the EPA Dave.Bartus@epa.gov or 206.553.2804.

Earle M. Jorgensen (early action area) – A draft data gaps report is due in October. It will summarize results of sediment sampling earlier this year. The goal is to finalize the report before the December holidays.

For more information, please contact Brad Martin at 206.553.4029

Adjacent to the LDW site...

Lockheed West Seattle Superfund Site – Season 2 construction has begun to address sediments in the West Waterway and northern end of Terminal 5. Lockheed Martin's contractors started dredging on September 5, 2019. Dredging will likely be completed by the end of October, followed by placement of a thin layer of clean sediment across the entire 40-acre site. The works should be completed by mid-February 2020. The cleanup activities are coordinated with the Suquamish and Muckleshoot fisheries. If necessary, tribal fishers move their nets to accommodate movement of the barges involved in the cleanup in accordance with an agreement signed with the tribes and Lockheed Martin Corporation. Sediment transloading is at the Waste Management facility on Slip 4/Lower Duwamish Waterway. Sediment disposal is via rail cars taken to the Columbia Ridge Landfill in Arlington, OR.

For more information, please contact Piper Peterson at 206-553-4951.

Public Hearing for Proposed Withdrawal of Certain Federal Water Quality Standards in Washington State

The Environmental Protection Agency is proposing a rule to withdraw certain federal Clean Water Act human health criteria for waters under the State of Washington's jurisdiction that are no longer needed due to EPA's May 10, 2019, approval of state human health criteria after reconsidering its 2016 disapproval.

Comments must be received on or before October 7, 2019.

On **Wednesday, September 25, 2019, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM** PDT, EPA is offering an in-person public hearing so that interested parties may provide oral comments on the proposed rule.

The hearing will be at **1200 6th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101.**

[Details and registration are linked here.](#)

Save the date for the next **Duwamish Stakeholders meeting, Wednesday, November 13**, 10am – 12pm, *location to be determined*. This is the bi-annual meeting of updates from the US Environmental Protection Agency, Washington State Department of Ecology, and the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition/Technical Advisory Group (DRCC/TAG) regarding the cleanup of the Lower Duwamish Waterway.

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For other announcements and updates, please visit **EPA's Duwamish Facebook** page at

<https://www.facebook.com/epaduwamish/> .

And for information about safe fish consumption from the Lower Duwamish Waterway, please visit the **["Fun to Fish / Toxic to Eat" Website.](#)**

For information on **Washington Department of Ecology's work** in the Lower Duwamish Waterway, please visit <https://ecology.wa.gov/Spills-Cleanup/Contamination-cleanup/Cleanup-sites/Toxic-cleanup-sites/Lower-Duwamish-Waterway>.

You can also subscribe to its email listserv for periodic updates on their source control and cleanup work in the Duwamish: <http://listserv.ecology.wa.gov/scripts/wa-ECOLOGY.exe?A0=DUWAMISH-RIVER-UPDATES>

For information on the **Community Advisory Group**, please contact the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition/Technical Advisory Group (DRCC/TAG) at: [duwamishcleanup.org](http://duwamishcleanup.org)  
e-mail to: [contact@duwamishcleanup.org](mailto:contact@duwamishcleanup.org), or phone: 206-954-0218.

### **Spill in the waterway?**

If you see signs of a spill in the waterway, please report it by calling 1-800-OILS-911 (Department of Emergency Management 24/7). This helps the appropriate responders assess the situation and respond before it spreads.

<https://ecology.wa.gov/Spills-Cleanup/Spills/Spill-preparedness-response>

Know your responsibilities if you cause a spill.

<https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Reporting-requirements/Spills-If-you-spill>

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